

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
April 21, 2015
2:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Gold
Vice Mayor Mirisch
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Bosse
Councilmember Krasne
Mahdi Aluzri, Interim City Manager
Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager (Public Affairs)
Laurence Wiener, City Attorney
Lolly A. Enriquez, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk
Trish Rhay, Assistant Director of Public Works Services/Infrastructure and Field Operations
Don Rhoads, Director of Administrative Services/CFO
Michelle Tse, Senior Management Analyst
David Garrard, General Park Maintenance Supervisor
George Chavez, Director of Public Works Services
Chad Lynn, Assistant Director of Public Works Services/Parking and Facilities Operations

A – DIRECTION

1. Design Review Commission Appointment

Transmits the Council Liaisons' recommendation to appoint Susan Strauss to the Design Review Commission until December 31, 2015.

Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez presented a staff report on the recommendation of the Design Review Commission (DRC) Council Liaisons composed of Vice Mayor John A. Mirisch and Councilmember Nancy H. Krasne to appoint former Design Review Commissioner Susan Strauss.

Council approved the recommendation of the Liaisons. The item will be placed on the May 5, 2015 City Council Formal meeting for adoption.

2. Water Conservation Update

Staff recommends implementing Stage D water conservation measures and seeks City Council direction on penalty assessments.

Assistant Director of Public Works Services/Infrastructure and Field Operations Trish Rhay provided an update on the City's water conservation program and presented alternatives for the next steps which included the Commission's recommendation.

SPEAKING:

1. Michael Dubelko

2. Joan Young

Mayor Gold called on Public Works Commissioner Jeff Wolfe and Dr. Robert Wunderlich, City of Beverly Hills Representative to the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board to speak on the item.

Ms. Rhay answered Council questions about the presentation. City Attorney Laurence Weiner explained Prop 218 and penalty responsibility. Director of Administrative Services/CFO Don Rhoads clarified the City's versus West Hollywood's consumption costs. Interim City Manager Mahdi Aluzri clarified the exterior washing restriction. General Park Maintenance Supervisor David Garrard discussed irrigation and the City's current irrigation schedule. Director of Public Works Services George Chavez spoke about unit sub-metering.

Council supported implementation of a modified version of Stage D.

a. Request by Councilmember Krasne to Discuss Use of Artificial Turf in Parkways and Front Yards

This report provides an overview regarding use of artificial turf in parkways and front yards and seeks City Council direction on this item.

Senior Management Analyst Michelle Tse provided a brief overview on the item which was first brought to Council on November 4, 2014. Ms. Tse asked for Council direction on the use of artificial turf in residential front yards and parkways.

SPEAKING:

1. Mayor Gold read a letter into record from resident Steve Hartman.

Councilmembers Krasne and Bosse both expressed support for the use of artificial turf that allows water to permeate the ground but that does not cover tree trunks to allow proper watering of trees. Ms. Tse confirmed that the City's schools currently utilize artificial turf. Councilmember Brien asked staff to establish maintenance regulations. Vice Mayor Mirisch asked staff to explore alternatives to artificial turf. Mayor Gold expressed concerns and supported studying the item further. Mayor Gold confirmed that enforcement will be suspended until a formal decision is made.

Council consensus was to move forward with studying the item and bring it back to Council at a future Study Session for further discussion.

b. Request by Mayor Gold for an Inventory of Standard and Waterless Urinals for City Properties

This reports transmits information related to the total number of traditional urinals and waterless urinals throughout the City, and the waterless urinal replacement projects currently active for City properties.

Assistant Director of Public Works Services/Parking and Facilities Operations Services Chad Lynn answered Mayor Gold's questions about replacement costs.

Council approved moving forward with the replacement.

3. Water Enterprise Plan Recommendation

Staff will present the Water Enterprise Plan framework and obtain feedback from the City Council to move forward with the Plan as recommended by the Public Works Commission.

Item not discussed.

4. Proposed Improvement Options for the La Cienega Blvd. Median Between Olympic Blvd. and Gregory Way

This item presents multiple design options for City Council requested improvements to the existing median. Staff seeks City Council direction to proceed.

Item not discussed.

5. Request by Beverly Hills Unified School District for Permits Assigned to Specific District Personnel for Parking Adjacent to School Properties While Engaged in District Business

The Beverly Hills Unified School District has requested the City Council consider a request for parking permits adjacent to District Properties for use by District Officials while on official business

Item not discussed.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None.

C – INFORMATION

6. Administrative cap on number of daily parking exemptions issued to single-family households on non-permit street blocks.

Implement an administrative cap in response to Councilmember Krasne's observation of excessive use of parking exemption.

Item not discussed.

7. Progress Report on Energy Efficiency Projects with Climatec Technologies Group

This report outlines the summary of work for the energy efficiency project proposed with Climatec and the intent to bring forward an official scope of work, detailed engineering documents, detailed specifications and consideration of award of a formal agreement with Climatec pursuant to sections 4217.10 and 4217.12 of the California Government Code at a later date.

Item not discussed.

8. Update on the Police Department's Pilot Program to Test and Evaluate the Use of Body Cameras

This item provides information on the status of the Police Department's Body Camera Pilot Program.

Item not discussed.

9. Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ended June 30, 2014

This is the Quarterly Treasurer's Report on the Status of the City's Investment Portfolio.

Item not discussed.

10. Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ended September 30, 2014

This is the Quarterly Treasurer's Report on the Status of the City's Investment Portfolio

Item not discussed.

11. Transmission of the Disabled Placard Usage Study Conducted for the Department of Public Works Services

This report transmits information related to conducted for the purpose of observing disabled placard usage within the City of Beverly Hills.

Item not discussed.

12. Representation of the City of Beverly Hills at the Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly on May 7-8, 2015

Designation of City's delegate to the Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly meeting on May 7-8, 2015.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:18 pm to the Closed Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 5th day of May, 2015



BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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